

**District VI Advisory Board
Minutes
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**Monday
October 5, 2009
6:30 p.m.**

**Evergreen Recreation Center
2700 N. Woodland
Lounge Clubroom**

The District VI Advisory Board meeting was held at 6:30 p.m. at the Evergreen Recreation Center Lounge Clubroom 2700 N. Woodland. The first Pro-Tem led the meeting with six (6) District Advisory Board members in attendance, six (6) city staff and seven (7) members of the public who signed in.

Members Present

Marsha Carr
Charlie Claycomb
Bob Aldrich
Scott Dunakey
John VanWalleghen
Pat Randleas

Members Absent

Jaya Escobar
Carol Skaff

Staff Present

Terri Dozal, Neighborhood Assistant
Officer Jerrell, Patrol North
Officer Davidson, Patrol West
Bill Longnecker, Planning
Capt. Cole, Fire
Norman Williams, Police Chief
Gary Janzen, Public Works

Guests

Listed at end

First Pro-Tem **Marsha Carr** called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. welcoming everyone. **Carr** asked members to introduce themselves and state their representation on the board.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of minutes for September 16th was approved as submitted (**VanWalleghen/Claycomb 5-0**).

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted (**Claycomb/VanWalleghen 5-0**).

Public Agenda

1. **Scheduled items:** None at this time
2. **Off-agenda items:** None at this time

Staff Presentations

3. Community Police Report

Patrol West: *Officer Davidson* stated the burglaries he had reported last month along SE Central/West streets have now decreased. An arrest was made on the suspect who was doing this. Officers are working special assignments in Sims Park where illicit acts have been reported. We have made some arrests. There has been an increase in car wash burglaries with four in the last month and a-half. A suspect hasn't been arrested yet but if you see any suspicious activity, please call 911.

Carr asked if patrons or the car wash were being burglarized. *Davison* replied they have broken into the maintenance room and coin machines. Again if you see something suspicious in your area please call 911.

Patrol North: *Officer Jerrell* reported an increase in gang activity with some incidents between feuding gangs. There has been a small decrease in graffiti and if you see people doing it please call 911. The burglaries on 48 and 49 beat have seen

a decrease as the people responsible are in custody. You are the ones who know your neighborhood, if you see something suspicious please call 911. There have been some robberies at gas stations as people are filling up their gas tank the robber opens up the passenger door and removes purses or anything of value.

Police Chief Williams reported since the beginning of September, major crimes have decreased by 3%. We'll see if we stay steady. In August we worked along with the Alcohol Fire Tobacco (AFT) agency and focused on catching the top 25 gang members. We made 24 out of 25 arrests. Please report graffiti as soon as possible as it is important to get it removed immediately. We appreciate your cooperation. We have seen a decrease in retaliatory shootings and as of today we have arrested 957 gang members. We're putting the pressure on gangs. We have officers working with kids in schools and we're seeing returns by them not joining gangs. This summer we had five (5) summer camps for youth and police were involved in the programs. We need to keep the kids busy during the summer time.

Randleas asked if we see someone doing graffiti are we to call 911 or some other number. *Williams* responded she should call a substation first and then 911. **Carr** stated the PFL graffiti she reported was still up.

*******Action:** Receive and file

4. Fire Department Report

Chief Andy Cole, Fire stated he was located in District 1 but was reporting for District 6 tonight. We have seen that people are burning their cars for insurance purposes. At this time of the year you need to start preparing for the winter weather. Check your floor furnaces and make sure you keep everything away from them that could start a fire and change the batteries in your smoke detectors with the up-coming time change. Also, with older furnaces you need to have a carbon monoxide detector installed near your bedroom.

Aldrich asked about outside burning of brush, as in Orchard Park he has witnessed two people burning in their yards. You should notify the Fire Department as it is illegal to burn in the city. **Carr** asked if chimneas or grills on balconies were legal.

Cole responded if they are a certain distance away from anything that could burn they can use them.

Randleas stated her neighbor gets burn permits and "regularly" burns at night.

Cole stated sometimes there are people who do small ceremonial fires. Investigators will write them up.

Randleas said 911 doesn't know about this. **Aldrich** said for her to call her closest fire station.

***** **Action:** Receive and file

New Business

5. Lincoln Street Bridge and Dam Improvements

Gary Janzen, Public Works staff gave background and a power point presentation on the two locations within the City of Wichita where safe boat passage needs to be addressed, the 21st Street dam and the Lincoln Street dam. The bridge and dam are nearly forty years old and need to be replaced. In the proposed 2009-2018 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) there is funding for the bridge and dam. The Arkansas River Corridor Access Plan (ARCAP) is a plan to provide guidance and direction for river access and recreation for the City of Wichita and identified these two locations needing to be addressed for safety. Two design concepts have been identified and I'm here tonight to present them to you.

Aldrich asked if there were other bridges along the river in worse shape. *Janzen* responded yes there are others.

Aldrich asked what the amount of vehicle traffic on the bridge was and *Janzen* responded it was around 8,000 vehicles/per day. **Aldrich** asked if moving back 100ft. would cause a problem due to debris. *Janzen* responded he didn't think it would be a problem as the gates are to recess flat to the river and this would help with debris. **Aldrich** continued if there would be any property acquisition and what about maintenance? *Janzen* responded no to the property acquisition and said we would come out ahead due to the new dam as this would help with boat and fish passage.

Aldrich asked when the river rises was there an extra cost for piping to help with flooding. *Janzen* said we have this included in the cost. **Claycomb** included make improvements so they don't wear out so soon *Janzen* responded we are working on a Deck Drain Systems that should help a new bridge last 70 years.

Dunakey asked if this would allow river traffic both ways. The response was mainly going downstream and this is from a special consultant we had review the plan. **Dunakey** said we as community like to see the extra amenities, glad to see this.

Aldrich asked if there would be any down stream impact. *Janzen* said possible water rights could be impacted as there is a push with the EPA to get rid of dams. **Aldrich** continued saying we don't utilize our best asset the river and did this

need to be done right away. The \$4.8 million has to be used within one year of today if not we can lose the dollars and it's cheaper to build all at one time. We're getting projects built for less money at present.

Aldrich inquired if the grant was guaranteed. Yes the agreement is made for the boat passage but we are still working on the fish passage. The grant dollars will off set some of the City cost.

Carr asked if the new dam will flush environmental debris from the river and not impact communities downstream.

Janzen responded he was not sure about this. **Carr** asked if there would be something to keep people from fishing in the ladder. **Janzen** said they would have to put something over the top to protect this.

Aldrich finished by saying that chadd was a protected species and we need to make sure they can get upstream and keep going.

*******Action:** The District VI Advisory Board (DAB) considered the Lincoln Street Bridge and Dam Improvements and recommended to the City Council **Approval** of Design Concept Option No. 2. (**Claycomb/Dunakey 5-0**)

6. Lower Arkansas River Water Quality and the Wichita Watershed Assessment Restoration and Protection Strategy (WRAPS) Program

Becky Lewis, Environmental Services presented the Fact Sheet on the Lower Arkansas River Water Quality providing general comments on surface water quality trends for rivers and streams in the U.S. and Kansas. Surface water quality data is used in establishing Wichita's stormwater discharge permit requirements of the lower Arkansas River basin in the Wichita area. Surface water quality improvements have been slow due to untreated stormwater runoff called nonpoint source pollution. **Lewis** continued that Environmental Services (ES), under a grant agreement with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), is actively engaged in developing a WRAPS Program for the Lower Arkansas River watershed within the City limits. This project is part of a coordinated effort by City of Wichita and Sedgwick County, as well as other federal, state, local agencies and private sector organizations to develop a watershed restoration and protection strategy for the Arkansas River watershed. **Lewis** stated the WRAPS program is in need of community input and would be holding public meetings to gather it. We are also in need of having residents be a part of the committee.

Aldrich asked on survey question # 8 why agricultural was not included and what good is this going to do the City to spend money when we can't control upstream. **Lewis** responded this was for two separate areas and is more county driven. You can write agricultural in on #8 and we

we won't clean the river up overnight but we can improve on neighborhood ponds. There will be a lot of cost for education for upstream that we don't have control over. **Randleas** asked if this would be funded through the city. **Lewis** said it would be grant funded and surrounding areas were already doing this.

Dunakey asked if there was one specific thing we're looking at. We are looking at education and stakeholder input. **Carr** stated some areas are not monitored. **Lewis** said the initial site would be the little Arkansas river and then more sites added later. **Carr** asked why Derby river was improving. Derby is at the end of the combined streams and the water is cleaner. **Carr** continued how do we make the Park Board understand not to mow so short. **Lewis** said this was perfect input for the meetings.

Jerry Prichard, Indian Hills neighborhood said the water department came to their meeting and said we have our own parks around our homes as neighbors water/fertilize the streets. **Prichard** continued saying they put in their newsletter to keep grass clippings out of the street.

Lewis finished saying she could be contacted at 268-8351, notify us of people doing this and we will go out and talk to them.

***** **Action:** Receive and File.

7. OCI Inspection Update

No Report was given – OCI update to be heard in November.

Board Agenda

8. Problem Properties

No problem properties were provided, but can be emailed to the neighborhood assistant as needed.

***** **Action:** Receive and propose appropriate action.

9. Neighborhood Reports

Old Town: this will be the last Saturday for the Farm/Art Market this year. Come down from 8-1p.m.

Riverside Citizens Association: The annual Chili Feed is on Nov. 10th. Come and join us.

Randleas said as the Market Coordinator for Farm/Art she had a disconcerting conversation with John D' Angelo. She felt he is threatening to do an RFP for next year's Farm/Art Market. This is the 2nd time in 7 years this has happened and I feel people are disgruntled with the City. It's very disappointing to have a government official come in and tell us how to run our business.

***** **Action:** Receive and file.

Updates from the council member

Announcements

- Next DAB meeting will be on Monday, November 2, 2009

With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 7:55p.m. (**Aldrich/Claycomb 5-0**)

Guests

Cindy Claycomb	151 N. Rock Island 67202
Christine Eberle	1814 Joann 67203 N.W. Big River N.A.
Tom Carr	1270 N. River Blvd.
Jerry Prichard	1607 N. Clarence Indian Hills-Riverbend N.A.
Aimee Basham	Coolidge
Greg Boyjian	3325 W. 9 th
Jim Johnson	1211 Perry